

Bringing Life to the City



The goal of this plan is to have a new Downtown by 2012, in time for the City's Bicentennial celebration.

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The Columbus Arts Festival is one of many Downtown festivals held along the riverfront. In 2001, millions of people enjoyed these summertime activities.

View of City Hall parking lot – City Hall’s Gay Street parking lot will be eliminated, extending Gay Street to the riverfront. Gay Street will convert to two-way traffic and become an important walkway to the park.



The plan calls for transforming Gay Street into an attractive, landscaped sidewalk, connecting the Riverfront Park to proposed new housing on Gay Street.

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View of Town Street looking west from High Street – the plan calls for substantial Town Street improvements including landscaping and lighting to create an attractive walkway from City Center to COSI.



High Street Apartments—the first new housing development announced after the Downtown plan was unveiled in April 2002. The apartments will be developed by Casto Communities along High Street between Rich and Main Streets.

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The Scioto River curves through Downtown Columbus, and offers the opportunity for a people-oriented Riverfront Park.



The new Riverfront Park will make existing green space more accessible to the public, and will create an anchoring amenity for Downtown.



The new Riverfront Park will feature a promenade and lower level walkway. This will allow visitors to loop through the park on foot without retracing their steps. Civic Center Drive will be narrowed to accommodate the new park.





Downtown Columbus is exceptionally large at 1,700 acres. Over 25% of the land is underutilized.



Renaissance Apartments will create 60 new market-rate apartments on the corner of Third and Mound Streets in Downtown Columbus. This new development was announced one month after the unveiling of the Downtown Plan.

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Battelle Park will be integrated into the Downtown park system with programming to attract residents, workers and visitors.